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In the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0040] with the following amended paragraph:

[0040] According to yet another embodiment, a process of constructing a mandrel for a CT imaging system is provided and includes the steps of forming a solid cylindrical ϵ -rod of first material and depositing a layer of second material designed to substantially block x-rays on the cylindrical rod.